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IFSB OF BRITAIN ORGANIZES

Capt. E. L. Plunkett Appointed British Representative.

The IFSB has finally been organized in Great Britain with retired Capt. E. L. Plunkett, of the 8th Army as British Representative. Mr. Plunkett resides at 71 Chedworth Rd., Horfield, Bristol 7, England. Denis, son of Mr. Plunkett, is the assistant representative, but is now serving his country in the Royal Air Force.

Rep. Plunkett has shown great interest and foresight in forming the IFSB in the British Isles. Numerous articles have appeared in leading newspapers through his efforts. He is planning on using local halls and auditoriums to give lectures and show pictures with the aid of an edipiascope. He also plans to give talks at the local Toc-H club of that city which is a semi-war veterans type of society.

Many people in the British Isles have contacted Mr. Plunkett showing great interest in IFSB. Most of these people are very learned individuals such as officers in the Armed Forces, members of the British Inter-Planetary Society, Aero-Dynamists, newspaper reporters, and flying saucer enthusiasts.

At present Mr. Plunkett is holding weekly meetings at his home, where they discuss IFSB and flying saucers in general.

For further information about our British Representative see page twelve of this issue.

LUIS LUHRING NAMED PUERTO RICAN REPRESENTATIVE

Mr. Luis Luhring of Punta Santiago, Puerto Rico, has accepted the position of Representative for the island of Puerto Rico. He will handle all IFSB business in that place. Write to Box 23, Punta Santiago, Puerto Rico. Mr. Luhring is a very capable man and will aid the IFSB greatly.

FRANKLIN, INDIANA JOINS EN MASSE

Business Men and Public Officials Join IFSB. To Form Own City Group.

The City of Franklin, Indiana, has gone out fully for the IFSB and is now the only city in the world that has the most members in our organization. Through the great efforts and work of Mr. Louis Frahm, business man; Mr. Jack W. Moore, policeman; Mr. Robert Wolf, civilian defense director, and Mr. Dick Campbell, IFSB Representative for Indiana, this great accomplishment was made possible. At this publication, Franklin can claim 20 members with ten from nearly towns, giving a total of 30. Since all this interest has been aroused Mr. Frahm plans to form a city group with their own chairman, secretary and treasurer. Among the members you will find policemen, librarians, mechanics, commercial pilots, business men, bus drivers, students, etc. The group plans to purchase a telescope of suitable power. In addition to this they plan to rig up a 3¼ x 4¼ Graflex camera with an optical type view finder and screen door handle on each side for easy handling. This is the equipment they plan to start with. Later, if finances permit, they may build a more radar set.

Franklin, Indiana, and nearby towns, have been fortunate in having had at least four sightings this past summer. Two were witnessed by Mr. Frahm and Mr. Moore. Reports of these sightings are reviewed in this issue of Space Review.

OUR PRESIDENT HEARS FROM PROF. EINSTEIN

Mr. Al K. Bender, President of IFSB, received a letter from Professor Einstein with this message: "Having no experience and only superficial knowledge in the field —I regret not to be able to comply with your requests." Mr. Bender wanted his opinion on the flying saucers. This was the Professor's reply.

SAUCERS IN THE NEWS

MAYAGUEZ, PUERTO RICO, Oct. 3, 1952—Strange objects were sighted by two persons in Mayaguez on Oct. 3, they were cruising East and were red in color. It was about 10:30 p.m. when they were sighted.

NORWAY AND SWEDEN, Oct. 13, 1952—During October the Norwegian Government stated that a strange object resembling a saucer landed on Norwegian soil. German experts are claiming that the devices are of Russian origin, and the description given by Norway fits the description given by German experts. Stockholm, Sweden, has also been sighting strange objects.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA, Sept. 13, 1952—A young woman sighted a noiseless green ball flying too fast to be a plane or a meteor. She said it smelled like a rotten egg.

STUTTGART, GERMANY, Nov. 1, 1952 — At the recent meeting of the third International Astronautical Congress in Germany where 200 scientists from 12 countries gathered they stated that saucers are not from Mars or any other planet. They said they are merely optical and atmospheric illusions.

LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK—A terrific air explosion took place over a small area of Long Island, N.Y., which broke windows, cracked sidewalks and caused general panic. There were no planes around or scheduled at that time, Oct. 1952.

INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, NEW YORK, Oct. 16, 1952—A blue flame flashed over International Airport at 7:33 p.m. It was a fiery ball-like object. Hayden Planetarium official stated it may have been the fiery trail of a meteor.

TOPCLIFFE, YORK, ENGLAND, Sept. 20, 1952—During exercise "Mainbrace" RAF pilots sighted a white object at 15,000 feet. The object was silver in color and circular. It maintained a slow forward speed before beginning to descend, swinging like a pendulum. It followed the aircraft, revolved on its own axis at times, and then took off.

WASHINGTON, D.C., Oct. 16, 1952—The Navy announced that it launched rockets from giant balloons, high above the North Geomagnetic Pole, and sent them to altitudes of about 40 miles. The balloons were as tall as a 10-story building.

PARIS, FRANCE, Oct. 7, 1952 — A flying saucer was sighted over Southern France by two Air France pilots.

WESTERN KOREA FRONT, Oct. 29, 1952—U.S. troops saw a half-dozen mysterious spark-throwing "cartwheels" over the western front of Korea. They were as the eye sees, 18 inches in diameter, moving in a 15-foot circle.

GAILLAC, SOUTH OF FRANCE, Oct. 29, 1952—For the second time in two weeks, 20 townspeople of Gaillac saw a series of white circular objects, slightly swollen at the center, spinning across the sky; they were flying in formation of two and were grouped around something that looked like a giant flying cigar. As the objects passed overhead they let fall a sort of string of bright white threads, which settled gently on trees and telephone lines. When the people tried to pick them up, they melted like ice. A police officer who picked up some of the thread said: "It looked like glass wool and it melted away almost as soon as it was touched."

OLORON, FRANCE, Oct. 17, 1952—About a dozen people, including a schoolmaster, saw flying saucers surrounding a long cigar like object flying through a clear sky at about 6,000 feet.

NEW ZEALAND—The clippings and stories from New Zealand are swamping our office and are so numerous that we must devote a whole page to them in our April issue.

For more detailed information on any of the above, please write to IFSB.

Please date your clippings that you send to us, and note the source.

SUTTON, WEST VIRGINIA MONSTER MAY BE "COLLIER'S" ROCKET!

Rev. S. L. Daw, Washington, D.C., Representative, IFSB

I have personally photographed flying saucers six times and personally photographed the place where one landed in Charleston, West Virginia. I also talked to two eye-witnesses. I saw and talked to a police officer who was burned by one in Wheeling, West Virginia. My own cousin was the doctor who treated him.

I attempted to photograph one going over Melessa Pass, 5000 feet up in the Blue Ridge mountains, as I was at a height of 2500 feet at Wahala Glen just directly opposite from Melessa Pass. The picture was not too good due to the mist from the mountains.

The object that landed at Charleston, West Virginia was described as a large metal ball, throwing off a white light and after landing, two small men in red emerged from a trap in the top and climbed up a tree to look around. Seeing people watching them, they got back in and took off. We can prove what this was: In the attempt to shoot rockets to the moon, there is a device with the motors on the wings and the body of the device is a jet propelled apparatus which throws off a large metal shaped disc which throws off a red color from the center which when reflected could easily be taken for some sort of a small person. This was described in Collier's magazine of October 11, 1952.

According to the Washington Daily News, the monster seen at Sutton, West Virginia could be the rocket described in Collier's magazine. The picture on the cover of the magazine shows a sphere-headed, wide-bottomed, tank-bellied rocket craft spewing out burning hydrazine and nitric acid as it lands hind-end on the moon. The West Virginia people claimed to have seen: "An object estimated at 10 feet tall, four feet wide at the bottom and in the shape of a man. Two lights flashed from side to side, the machine made a noise like gas escaping, and a sharp sickening odor was about." Sounds somewhat the same.

The United States may be experimenting with something that the public is not aware of, and it is doing its best to keep it a secret. The age of rocket ships is just around the corner.

CIVILIAN SAUCER INVESTIGATION OF NEW ZEALAND CONTACTS IFSB

The Civilian Saucer Investigation of New Zealand was set up in New Zealand on October 13, 1952. They plan to prove or disapprove the existence of saucers. It has no affiliation with the Government, the armed forces, or to any society to which its members may belong. Most of the members have been studying flying saucer reports for at least five years. They represent all interested parties, astronomers, scientists, aviators, and the man in the street. The committee consists of Mr. H. H. Fulton, a sergeant in the R.N.Z.A.F. attached to engineering, who is the President of CSI of NZ; Mr. R. J. Lavaris, a member of the Territorial Air Force, who is the secretary of CSI of NZ; Mr. G. H. Gilmore, aviation engineering inspector; D. Lavaris, a student studying for a science degree; and E. J. Greager, an astronomer and engineer.

Aims of the committee are to correspond with kindred bodies overseas, and to ultimately find the origin of flying-saucers and their comparison.

Mr. H. H. Fulton, and Mr. R. J. Lavaris have been made members of the International Council of IFSB. We hope to establish friendly relations with this society and get a repsentative in New Zealand. CSI sent to IFSB a large map of New Zealand showing all spots where saucers have been sighted with a history of each sighting. A complete report on this will be made in our next issue. We wish CSI of New Zealand the best of luck and hope they will be a success.

EDITORIAL

In 1492 Columbus discovered a new world after traveling thousands of miles across the great expanse of unknown waters called the Atlantic Ocean. It was a great adventure, yet one that was laughed at, ridiculed, and even spoke of as a "folly".

Here was a small group of men searching for what lay beyond the known, endeavoring to unfold the mysteries of lands that were not supposed to exist. All they had were three small ships laden with provisions that they estimated would last the journey.

The seas were infested with monsters, so the skeptics said, and the world was flat with a dropping off place. Columbus proved these fallacies to be wront, when he landed in the West Indies.

The years directly ahead of us will see another great adventure such as this. A small group of men will assemble in a certain designated place, climb into their ship, a ship vastly different than that of Columbus's time. This ship will be a rocket shop, and its occupants will shoot off into the vast sea of space to find new worlds, new peoples, and new frontiers.

They will be laughed at, they will be ridiculed, and the whole thing will be called the greatest "folly" on earth, but will it be such? Time has proven that impossibilities become realities,—the automobile, the airplane, radio, telephone, telegraph, television and the smashing of the atom are definite proof. All is possible to one who believes,—and I am a sound believer!

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FROM THE ASSOCIATE EDITOR'S DESK

The mysteries of space have long fascinated most people on earth. One need not b an astronomer to gaze in awe at the sight which unfolds before the eyes as we gaze skyward on any clear night.

The vastness of space is difficult to explain, even for astronomers. When distances are spoken of it is simpler for learned men to use the term "light years" than miles. The number of celestial bodies suspended in space like our own earth are unknown. The guesses are from millions on up. But they remain just that—guesses.

We, who make our home on a mere cinder of matter in the eyes of space, cannot be naive enough to think that intelligent life exists only here. Those who believe that there is a purpose for everything which happens, should agree that these millions of bodies in space must serve more of a purpose than just twinkling brightly on a clear night.

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SCIENCE FICTION NEWS

Alan C. Rievman

Victor Root, Illinois Rep. of IFSB, has some Science-Fiction mags for sale, or free in exchange. He is selling them for a small fee. Write to IFSB for address.

The DECEMBER, 1952, issue of FATE magazine is a must to all IFSB members and officers. It contains an article by Curtis Fuller, entitled, "Let's Get Straight About the Saucers." A complete detailed story of the incident of the scoutmaster described in our January issue, is discussed with a picture of the scoutmaster. SUBSCRIBE TO FATE MAGAZINE AND KEEP UP TO DATE ON THE SAUCERS. Write to 806 Dempster Street, Evanston, Illinois.

New Pocket Books on Stands: Dell No. 627, "When Worlds Collide" by Philip Wylie and Edwin Balmer. Pocket Book No. 908, "New Tales of Space and Time", edited by Raymond J. Healy.

Thanks to Ray Palmer for our letter in the December issue of "Other Worlds". Clark Publishing Co., 806 Dempster St., Evanston, Illinois. Let's subscribe.

NEW BOOK BY VIKING PRESS: "Across the Space Frontier", edited by Cornelius Ryan, $3.95, Viking, New York.

RANDOM HOUSE HAS DONE IT AGAIN WITH: "By Space Ship to the Moon", written by Jack Coggins and Fletcher Pratt, foreword by Willy Ley. $1.

SCIENCE FICTION NEWS-LETTER, by our Council Member, "Bob" Tucker, P.O. Box 702, Bloomington, Illinois.

THE UNITED STATES ROCKET SOCIETY, Box 29, Glen Ellyn, Illinois.

Hollywood is coming out with two good movies: "War of the Worlds" and "The Conquest of Space".

SAUCER REVIEW, by Elliott Rockmore, a member of our Council. P.O. Box 148, Wall St. Station, New York 5, N.Y.

Owners of tape recorders or wire recorders: Join T.R.I. (Tape-respondence International. Send your voice to your correspondents) 3488—22nd St., San Francisco 10, Calif.

BORDERLAND SCIENCES RESEARCH ASSOCIATES located at 3524 Adams Ave., San Diego 16, California, would like to have IFSB members join their society.

Many new Science Fiction Mags are hitting the newsstands and some are good while others are the usual run. A few of the better ones are: Tops in SF; Science Fiction Quarterly and Fantastic.

Two good S-F books: "Robots Have No Tails" by Lewis Padgett and "Player Piano" by Kurt Vonnegut. Both humorous line.

The officers of IFSB are planning on issuing a 12-page booklet sometime next year with a complete record on all saucer reports that they now have collected. This booklet will not be a regular issue of "Space Review", but a separate issue and will sell for 50c to everyone. Our President, Mr. Bender, will write the foreword with comments throughout by officials of IFSB. The booklet will be entitled, IFSB REPORTS ON THE SAUCERS. If interested, write!

We would like members and officers to send in snapshots of themselves so that when the time comes for us to print pictures in Space Review, we will have the photos available.

MENTION "SPACE REVIEW" when writing to any of above mentioned publications.

This page will be eliminated in future issues, and will be replaced by articles on "saucers".

"MY THEORY"

by IFSB Members

THEORY NO. 6—Submitted by BARBARA KNORR, Member from Connecticut

Everybody seems to believe that the "saucers", whatever they are, come from this Solar System. I do not believe any other planet but ours can support intelligent life. Perhaps plant life, but not human.

I do believe that if our planet can support life, why not other planets in other Solar Systems. I do not believe that these people wish to destroy us because if they had they could have done so long ago. Also, how do we know that these things we see are not beings themselves.

THEORY NO. 7—Submitted by Representative LOUIE MASONICK, JR., of Minnesota

My theory is one most IFSB members seem to have. First, I believe they are from another planet. All those stars must have something going around them. All those celestial bodies must be up there for some reason, besides to look at. Then, also, they may even be from our Solar System.

I do not think an official agency of our government should come out and say—"we do not know what they are and whether or not they are a menace." The best way to reveal the objects would be through clubs like the IFSB. I do not believe that they are a menace. I think there is intelligent life on them and that they are just observing us.

THEORY NO. 8—Submitted by Representative ALAN RIEVMAN of Connecticut

My theory on the origin of the "flying saucers" is that they are definitely real and are from one of the planets of our Solar System. I do not believe that they are from one of the other Solar Systems. These "neighbors" probably thought that our planet could not have intelligent life upon it, but with the first atomic explosion they may have changed their minds.

I am sure that they are not from Earth because if they were ours it would be impossible to keep it quiet and if they were from a foreign government they wouldn't be flying over the United States. They would risk being shot down and their secret revealed to us.

THEORY NO. 9—Submitted by Representative VICTOR ROOT of Illinois

My theory is that the "flying saucers" are manned ships controlled and operated by intelligent creatures who are scouting our world. They will not try to make contact with us for many reasons. One is that we are too warlike and emotional. Another is that we have diseases which may harm or even kill them. Some day when we reach out and touch the planets we may meet them. A race of intelligent creatures other than ourselves, certainly does exist.

THEORY NO. 10—Submitted by ALAN STAZER, Member from California

I think that the "flying saucers" are from the solar system of ALPHA or PROXIMA CENTUARI. Most likely the 3rd or 4th planet. The planet is probably about 4000 miles in diameter and two-thirds as big as the earth. Some other reasons are that Centauri is too far distant for observation of such a small body as a planet. This star is of about the same size and the same spectral, type-GO, as the Sun. Editor's Note: WOW!

All theories become the property of IFSB and cannot be returned.

HIGHLIGHTS ABOUT REPRESENTATIVES

DICK CAMPBELL, Rep. Indiana—Rep. Campbell has written us many interesting letters and aided in making his home town of Franklin the only city in the world with the most IFSB members. At present it totals over twenty. He was assisted by Mr. Louis Frahm, and Mr. Jack Moore of that place.

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J. RONALD ALBERT, rep. Ontario, Canada—Will be appointed Representative of CANADA AT LARGE. Doing a fine job. Would like more Canadians to join club.

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VICTOR ROOT, Rep. Illinois—One of our most valuable representatives. He has spent much time preparing a map of the United States showing the places where saucers have been sighted. He is quite a poet, too; see his poem in this issue. Mr. Root presented the IFSB with this saucer map. We are proud of it. We are sorry to say that Mr. Root may have to move to California in the near future. It will be very hard to replace such an ardent worker.

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EARL D. BROADDUS, Rep. Kentucky Obtained two new members for IFSB. One of these members, a Mrs. Glenn C. Fuller, saw a flying saucer. Her report will be in our next issue of "Space Review". Mr. Broaddus is spreading the word about IFSB.

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DIANE BUCHANAN, Rep. Iowa Obtained a new member, and has clippings she intends to send in to IFSB.

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GAIL SPRAGUE, Rep. Wisconsin—Gail is quite the cartoonist. She sent in a cartoon for us which really made the International Staff roll off their chairs. She showed the parlor of a home with the front door open, a strange looking creature had walked in the door leaving muddy tracks on the floor. Outside can be seen a saucer parked on the lawn. A housewife approaches the creature and this is what she says: "I don't care where you're from. Look at my clean rug."' She also sent us a fine poem that appears in this issue. Gail obtained a new member for us also. She sure is showing fine interest.

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ALLAN LEVINSKY, Rep. Maine—Claims that very few people are seeing saucers in Maine. Is doing his best to get people interested in IFSB.

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ROBERT R. RITTER, Rep. Tennessee—Chalks up another member for IFSB

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LUIS LUHRING, Rep. Puerto Rico—Mr. Luhring has sent us numerous clippings from Puerto Rico about saucers. He plans to get as many people as possible to join IFSB. He says that the interest in saucers is as great in Puerto Rico as anyplace else.

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S. L. DAW, Rep. Washington, D.C.—We are happy to have for our representative in Washington, D.C., the first member of the clergy, Reverend Daw. Mr. Daw, as he prefers to be called by club members, is doing great work for IFSB. We are anxiously awaiting to see his actual photos of saucers, that he took himself.

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RONALD KINNEAR, Rep. New York—Took upon himself to advertise in his own state and had 50 post cards printed and plans to mail them out, in his state.

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We are not getting any reports from some of our Representatives. It is absolutely necessary that we hear from you. so please do your best to get those monthly reports rolling in on time.

DIRECTORY OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following are additional representatives since our last publication.

BRITISH REPRESENTATIVE—Edgar L. Plunkett, 71 Chedworth Rd., Horfield, Bristol 7, England; Assistant Representative for Britain—Denis Plunkett

PUERTO RICAN REPRESENTATIVE—Luis Luhring, Box 23, Punta Santiago

COLORADO—Verna M. Hampton, 4245 Alcott St., Denver

MAINE—Allan Levinsky, 59 Atlantic St., Portland

MISSOURI—Ralph Hetzel, 6 Scarsdale, St. Louis 17

NEW JERSEY—August C. Roberts, 443 Ogden Ave., Jersey City

NORTH CAROLINA—David T. Benton, Box 430, E.C.C., Greenville

OHIO—Robert C. Schnelle, Sr., 714 McMakin Ave., Cincinnati

OREGON—G. L. McColly, 524 Jersey St., Silverton

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—Rev. S. L. Daw, 5119—7th St., N.W., Washington

WEST VIRGINIA—Gray Barker, Box 981, Clarksburg

Above names will not be published again. Additional names in future issues.

Anyone that wishes to correspond with other members will please send us permission to print your name and address so that others will know that you desire correspondence. We do not publish lists of our members' names and addresses without permission from them.

LET'S LOOK AT THE MAGAZINES

READERS DIGEST FOR JULY 1952—Two articles: "Have We Visitors from Space," and "Flying Saucers—New in Name Only."

TRUE MAGAZINE, SEPT. 1952—"The Flying Saucers and the Mysterious Little Men."
OCT. 1952—"We Flew Above Flying Saucers."
DEC. 1952—"What Radar Tells About Flying Saucers."

QUICK MAGAZINE, OCT. 20, 1952—"Moonbound," Page 18.

COLLIER'S, OCT. 18, 1952—"Man on the Moon."
OCT. 25, 1952—"More About Man on the Moon."

PIC MAGAZINE, NOV. 1952—"How Do Saucers Fly?"

SIR MAGAZINE, DEC. 1952—"Flying Saucers and the Air Around Us."

MR. MAGAZINE, JAN. 1953—"Is Washington Afraid of Flying Saucers?"

MAN TO MAN MAGAZINE, JAN. 1953—"Flying Saucers Are Not New."

THE MYSTERY OF OTHER WORLDS REVEALED—A Fawcett Book No. 166. Excellent. A four star edition—one of the finest to date in the pulp line. Cost 75c. We advise all saucer-minded folk to get this magazine. It is only once in a great while that a publisher puts out such a fine publication. Contains news of Space Travel; Flying Saucers; and Rocket Development.

These magazines are in the IFSB LIBRARY as part of our collection. We will send written information to anyone that may have questions on above magazines.

Coming in April "SPACE REVIEW"—"SAUCERITIS" by John Armitage of England.
An article that will make you really THINK!
A COMPLETE LISTING OF ALL OF OUR OFFICERS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE I.F.S.B.— GREETINGS FROM ENGLAND

Capt. Edgar L. Plunkett, British Representative

Are we on the verge of a breath-taking discovery? Yes, I believe we really are! To quote Captain Eddie Rickenbacker, "Too many good men have seen Flying Saucers for us to dismiss them lightly as hallucinations."

The nineteenth and twentieth centuries have produced a number of astonishing discoveries notably the dreaded atom bomb, and also has had to discard in many cases previously held convictions such as that "matter is indestructible".

Even the average layman today, due to increased educational facilities, and access to literature of all kinds, has a very good idea that life in all its forms consists of "energy", and that this energy somehow links back to some form of pulsating orbital structure like unto the universe, but on an infinitesimally smaller scale. Therefore, it is—to me at least—quite believable that it is possible that somewhere—something—someone—has solved the riddle of this energy, etheric, electromagnetic, call it what you will. Having progressed so far, it follows that given elements capable of withstanding immense stresses and strains, the propulsion of what has become known as the "Flying Saucer" becomes a possibility. It is known that between the Sun, Moon, and our Earth, and presumably between other inter-planetary and possibly interstellar bodies there exists magnetic lines of force, thus if some form of aircraft or saucer has control of the means of attraction and repulsion, these lines of force which by the way never touch one another, would form the perfect highway along which to travel at the speed of light, and probably very much faster. It would also account for the capability of these so-called "saucers" to accomplish right-angled turns, inasmuch that these known magnetic waves emanate in all directions. Therefore, from the point of view of the average thinking man in the street, I say, "I believe the flying saucer does exist, and that the coming years will vindicate such men as Captain Mantell, Kenneth rnold, and countless other pioneers in this field." In conclusion, may I say to all IFSB members at home and abroad, "carry on the good work, and above all, do not be disappointed, discouraged or deluded by the jeers and sneers of the ignorant so-called majority."

The best of everything for the New Year ahead!

Yours fraternally, E. L. PLUNKETT

MYSTERIOUS CRAFT
by Gail Sprague

Out of the dark, mysterious, depths of space,
Came strange looking craft at a tremendous pace.
Their course was true, the third planet from the sun,
Their orders: Don't return until your task is done.
Down they descended; some got out.
"Be back in 24 hours," the commander told the scout.
Time went fast, all returned.
Off went the craft, bearing all they'd learned.
The decision was reached, never again,
On this small planet they'd ever land.
Wars, corruption, prejudice and greed,
Made this the worst of all planets, all agreed.

OUT THERE
by Victor Root

Out in space lies my destiny,
Out there, beyond the clouds;
Where winds have not yet blown,
Where man has not yet gone;
That's where I long to roam.

Out in space lies my destiny,
Out there, among the stars;
Where night is forever ruling,
Where solitude is soothing;
That's where I long to roam.

Give me a silver ship,
To make the happy trip;
Out there; among the stars.

SAUCER SIGHTINGS BY IFSB MEMBERS

Exclusive! From Franklin, Indiana and Surrounding Towns

SIGHTING NO. 4—On the morning of July 28, 1952 in the skies to the southeast and at times directly over Franklin, Indiana appeared three strange objects. Their flight was watched by a large number of men of sound mind and character. The following is compiled from a Police report turned in by Capt. Lee Sloan, Patrolman Jack W. Moore and Patrolman Kenneth Rund of the Franklin, Indiana Police Department on Monday morning, July 28, 1952 at 6:00 a.m. These objects were witnessed by policemen, civilian authorities, and members of the United States Army. After notifying all proper authorities of the objects no definite steps were taken by the army or otherwise. The report is as follows:

There were three objects, one larger and brighter than the two smaller objects. The larger of the three seemed to cast off a white yellowish light. Its pattern of flight seemed to be that of a circle. It seemed to always be keeping track of the two smaller objects. The two smaller objects cast off a distinctive light of their own, one being an orange hue and the other a reddish color. The two smaller ones seemed to be in a dog fight all their own, since they executed barrel rolls, loops and spins. They made turns of 90 degrees and 45 degrees without losing any degree of speed, as well as dancing up and down as if someone was playing with a giant "yo-yo". The objects made single sorties to the south completely out of sight, to return almost immediately into view again, joining the other in a neatly executed show of turns, loops and spins. We estimated their height at approximately 15,000 feet, while their speed varied from an estimated 1500 miles per hour to an estimated 10,000 miles per hour. Even with a pair of binoculars it was almost an impossibility to determine any exact shape other than that they appeared to be round and flat as a saucer. They were observed for a period of four hours and fifteen minutes. Dawn came at 4:48 a.m. and all stars had gone around 5:00 a.m. At 5:03 a.m. it was bright day, light—and the three objects were still visible. Their color did not change in daylight. At 5:11 a.m. the larger of the three objects was joined by the two smaller ones; the smaller objects one at a time disappeared above the larger, first the orange, then the red. After seeming to envelope the two smaller objects it moved up and to the west out of sight. The joining of the three objects and the disappearance of the larger took exactly 40 seconds. These objects were verified by: Edinburg Police Dept.; Camp Atterbury, Ind.; Columbus Police Dept.; Seymour State Police Dept.; Greensburg Police Dept.; North Vernon Police Dept.; Connersville Police Dept.; Connersville State Police Post; Fort Wayne, Ind.; and Madison, Ind. Mr. Moore and Mr. Rund are IFSB members now.

SIGHTING NO. 5—Louie Masonick, Jr., Representative for Minnesota

Sighted a round object Northeast of Long Prairie, Minnesota about 2:30 p.m., April 20, 1952. It was a dull gray color, traveling about 250 MPH and when it ascended their was a low hum. It was about 5,000 feet high, and was visable for about 45 seconds. Direction of flight was from East to West in one direct path.

SIGHTING NO. 6—Alan K. Stazer, Member from California

Sighted a disc shaped object in the East of Los Angeles about 9:08 p.m. on September 22, 1952. It was a yellowish white in color, and remained in a stationary position for about 4 seconds. It was about 12 degrees above the horizon. It was about 50 feet in diameter and traveling due north.

When sending in your reports on Saucer Sightings, please give the date that you saw the saucer. Thank you!

EXCERPTS FROM A SUMMARY OF A FIVE-YEAR FLYING SAUCER INVESTIGATION

By George D. Fawcett, International Council, IFSB

I have just decided to stop investigation that I began a little over five years ago on one of the most fascinating mysteries of modern times, that being the well known "Flying Saucer" phenomena. Since the summer of 1947 when the first saucer scare broke out in the United States, I have spent much of my time, money and energy seeking a solution to this riddle. While carrying on my private investigations I was able to interview several astronomers, scientists, pilots and guided missile experts, who had spotted these saucers or at least had been investigating or studying these strange objects. In addition to these interviews I have talked to many eye-witnesses who had sighted these objects throughout the United States and have mailed questionnaires out to many others.

I have kept bulletins and scrapbooks on the saucers for the past five years, and while going to college I wrote a six-page pamphlet entitled "The Flying Saucer Phenomena" for my friends, teachers, and classmates. I have lectured to several groups in Lynchburg. Though I've been interested in this phenomena from the very first, my sighting of an orange disk-like globe which hovered for four minutes over the Lynchburg College administration building in Lynchburg, Virginia, on the morning of July 6, 1951, has increased my interest threefold since then. That is one of my reasons for stopping my investigation. It's really too big a job for one person to handle. We must realize that we are dealing with a phenomena that is as fantastic as it is fascinating. Many of the reports that I have been able to gather in my collection tend to back this statement.

Some recent thoughts about the "flying saucers" are that perhaps there will be some landings soon. This doesn't seem too far-fetched in that these flying saucers are still being seen everywhere, for longer periods of time, and in groups instead of alone, as well as more reports of huge saucer or rocket ships. Then, too, they seem to come and go at will, perhaps being stationed as satellites themselves.

I feel that our government must know something about these saucers because in my opinion at this very moment the United States Government is carrying on an educational program regarding interplanetary travel of our country. Perhaps space ships from other planets are already here! At any rate, whether they are trying to prevent religious controversy or panic or for any other motives which they might have, our government is still releasing, denying, suppressing and even plating reports at intervals for some reason.

Regardless, the future will tell! In closing, I'd like to use a favorite phrase of Charlie Lineberry, Lynchburg College student who said, "things are really looking up." I wonder if some things aren't looking DOWN, too; Sooner or later we're bound to find out, and to this all I can say is, "the sooner, the better."

EDITOR'S NOTE: Mr. Fawcett's discussions and opinions will be found in future issues of Space Review.

ATTENTION MEMBERS AND OFFICERS: If you would be interested in receiving an emblem to wear on your coat lapel with our club letters "IFSB" engraved on a Saucer background, we would be interested in knowing. We cannot order these emblems unless we get enough people showing interest. The price would be approximately $1.00 each. Please let us know as soon as possible. Thank you!

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EDGAR L. PLUNKETT, BRITISH REPRESENTATIVE—Born at Bristol, Glos., England, on December 26, 1903. Covered most parts of the world as a radio operator at sea from 1922 to 1936, including the U.S.A., notably New York, Boston, Baltimore, Norfolk, Newport News, Tampa, Mobile, and many other ports. Has many interesting memories of the prohibition days, the gangster era, Jack Dempsey, Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig and other notable highlights. Has worked for many years for Anglo-American friendship and still corresponds with friends here in U.S.A. Was called to service in 1939. Was rescued from Dunkirk Beaches by the French Destroyer L'Incomprise on June 1, 1940. Went to Middle East in 1941, and served through three Western Desert Campaigns with the British 8th Army. After fall of Tunis was commissioned in Palestine and was then posted in Egypt. Returned to England at the end of the war after four and a half years service overseas as a Captain. Now employed by his original firm as a clerk.

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Mr. Plunkett has shown great interest in IFSB activities and will without a doubt prove to be our most valuable foreign representative.

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